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Bill Ritter, Jr.
Governor

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Dear CERAB Board Members,

We are writing this letter to inform you of an issue regarding a contract awarded by the Colorado Department of Transportation for a project funded by the Recovery Act. A company by the name of Hamon Contractors Inc. is disputing a contract for Project No. ES6-0761-201 that was awarded to a company called SEMA Construction. Hamon alleges that SEMA did not make a good-faith effort to hire minority subcontractors and is protesting to CDOT.

As you know, the Recovery Act mandates that government agencies provide opportunities for small businesses and disadvantaged business enterprises to the maximum extent practicable. Russell George, executive director of CDOT, and other officials at that agency are reviewing this issue. We will keep you informed of developments and have asked CDOT to explain its contracting process at the June 11 board meeting. In addition, we intend to employ our best efforts to make sure that Recovery Act dollars are spent according to the intent of the law.

Feel free to contact us if you have any questions. You can also contact Debra A. Gallegos, Director of CDOT's Center for Equal Opportunity, 303-757-9303.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Cavanaugh".

Mark Cavanaugh
Director
Governor's Economic Recovery Team
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